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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: COTTON SWEATERS

REF: STATE 181289

1. ON AUGUST 22, CONGEN INFORMED DCI OF CONTENTS OF REFTEL, INCLUDING THE STATEMENT THAT "US IS REQUESTING CONSULTATIONS ON SWEATERS PER PARAGRAPH 8 OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT." BOTH PURVES OF DCI AND CONGENOFF HIRSHORN UNDERSTOOD THE STATEMENT AS NOT INTENDING TO IMPLY THE NECESSITY FOR HKG TO SUSPEND ISSUANCE OF EA'S AS NEW AGREEMENT, PARA 8, SUB-PARA (C) PROVIDES THAT HONG KONG "AS REQUESTED BY THE UNITED STATES WILL CEASE OR OTHERWISE LIMIT FURTHER ISSUANCE OF EA'S...PENDING THE CONCLUSION OF CONSULTATIONS." REFTEL CONTAINED NO EXPLICIT REQUEST FOR EITHER CESSATION OR LIMITATION.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, DCI WAS INFORMED BY HERMANN THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT A SUSPENSION OF ISSUANCE OF EA'S WAS INTENDED BY WASHINGTON OFFICIALS. DCI HAS, THEREFORE, SUSPENDED EA'S FOR CATEGORY 44 AS OF 4 SEPTEMBER. PLEASE
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ADVISE ASAP WHETHER REFTEL WAS INTENDED TO CONTAIN

AN IMPLIED REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF EA'S.

3. IF IT WAS, DCI IS MOST ANXIOUS TO HOLD THE CONSULTATIONS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WHETHER IN WASHINGTON OR HONG KONG, AND,
AT THE LATEST, WITHIN THE 30 DAY LIMIT PROVIDED IN PARA 8,
SUB-PARA (D) OF THE AGREEMENT. ALL EA'S EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30;
THE END OF THE AGREEMENT YEAR AND DCI NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO
ALLOCATE NEW QUOTAS FOR THE NEXT AGREEMENT YEAR AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE TO ALLOW SHIPPERS AND MANUFACTURERS TO PLAN.
THEREFORE, PLEASE ALSO ADVISE WHEN AND WHERE US PROPOSES
TO CONSULT WITH HKG ON THIS ISSUE.
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